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FUTURE OF A GREAT SCHOOL

DISCUSSED BY THE LEADERS OF THE GREAT A. M. E. CHURCH

The "Local Clique" Ruled Out—The Situation Made Plain—Payne Theological Seminary—End of an Experiment—"A New Day."

The last session of the trustee board of Wilberforce University was in many respects a very remarkable one. It was made up, almost entirely, of earnest, thoughtful and candid men whose chief aim appeared to be the best welfare of the school. The local clique, which for years has mislead many of the trustees and thus defeated all attempts at needed reformation, was silent and inactive save in one or two minor instances. It thus came about that the board was able to get a fair insight into the condition of things and to act with intelligence and dispatch. In the first place all came to a common opinion, viz: the most proper work of Wilberforce is that originally intended, the preparation of teachers and preachers for labor among our people, particularly in the A. M. E. church.

When the institution was established, Oberlin was about the only college to which colored students could gain admission. The public schools afforded scant facilities to the race for a common education. Wilberforce, therefore, found it expedient to not only prepare teachers to go forth and found schools but also to open her doors to all who might come. Times have changed; the colored youth of today can gain admission to any college of the North. There is, therefore, no demand for a separate college for Negroes as such. To try to maintain such an institution under present conditions would require either a great endowment in order to be able to offer advantages equal to the richly endowed schools now open, or else to become a weak and inferior competitor. Young Negroes desiring a higher education and possessing grit will always seek the best schools within reach of their means.

A poor and struggling college with inferior inducements could hope to win to its list only the weaker elemennt. This truth was clearly seen by the trustees and they were not to be beguiled by any chimerical schemes into an attempt to rival Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Oberlin, etc. They, however, clearly saw that Wilberforce has a field of operation in which she can excel and were wise enough to seek to improve the opportunity. The great universities can prepare doctors, lawyers and scholars, but Methodist preachers must be trained in a Methodist school, and African Methodist preachers must be trained in an African Methodist school, as also must be those who are to teach in African Methodist institutions. To supply teachers and preachers for the African Methodist church is the work that offers to Wilberforce a field of boundless possibilities. Indeed, the perpetuity of the great A. M. E. church is now depending upon Wilberforce. Unless the next decade gives us a greatly increased force of teachers and preachers trained to understand the mission of Bethel Methodism and to propogate it the disintegration already begun will not only be unchecked, but will wreck the church The bishops realize this truth and in their last Episcopal address gave voice to it. Never before, within the memory of the present generation have the bishops delivered a stronger, wiser and more farsighted utterance. Their warning was not given in vain.

The great A. M. E. church is throbbing with a noble impulse in reference to the call of the bishops and her great forces will soon be concentrated at Wilberforce and the future will be safe. Each conference will, within a few years, have one or more young men there preparing for the ministry. Soon the annual output of the theological department will be twenty or more. This is not a prophecy, but is a conclusion based upon facts that can have no other meaning. About fifteen years have been lost, but it is not yet too late. Wilberforce had almost ceased to be a school for the training of ministers when at last the attempt was made to again resume this work by founding Payne Theological Seminary. This measure was about the only means of escaping the throttling hand of the local clique that had seized Wilberforce and which was sucking her life blood. It was hoped that Payne Seminary would win back the lost influence and sympathy of the general church. The intention was a noble one, but the means involved a weakness of will that has brought its own defeat.

Wilberforce belonged to the general church and it never was and never will be right to yield her to any local clique. All such compromises are weak and will be futile An attempt was made to keep from the trustees a full knowledge of the condition of Payne Seminary, but under the astute leadership of Bishop Grant a band of determined men explored the hidden realm and brought forth the full truth. Wilberforce proper is between too great mill-stones. One is the State Normal which has over-toppled her in wealth, influence and power, and has completely mastered the situation in the lines of normal and industrial work, and all else that would attract the average student of lowly aspirations. This apparent evil has power to be a blessing for it has forced an abandonment of the vain endeavor to be a popular school and has turned attention again to the church. The other millstone is Payne Seminary which has been run separately from Wilberforce proper for several years and has thus saddled on the trustees an indebtedness of about fifteen thousand dollars. The most stupid individual could readily see that the end of this experiment is near. The management of this enterprise had no better plan to offer for meeting this high debt than a dreamy scheme about some sort of Twentieth Century Clubs to be organized in every church. You can't get the general church to take a hold of things any more unless you reach it through its judgment. Edicts are scrutinized and the purpose weighted before the people move. The people are as loyal as ever and as obedient, but they have changed from things to men, from puppets to reasoning beings. The people have lost confidence in the judgment and unselfishness of their leaders, and now take each order on its own individual merit. There is not enough authority and power anywhere to make the people rally to the support of any project that they cannot see into and approve of. This is a truth that some of our big men have not yet discovered, but they will discover it.

Bishop Grant was made a target, but he stuck to his purpose and won the day. When the full facts were made known everybody became silent and uncommunicative, but there was not a look of desdain on any face, nor did any countenance indicate a purpose to abandon the great work. But there was a look of earnest thoughtfulness on many faces. No radical steps were taken; the men were too earnest and too honest to act hastily. Provisions were made to continue Payne Seminary another year and to reduce the debt. The splendid spirit of President Mitchell who has seen and bowed to the inevitable with lion-like courage was appreciated by the more observant. President Mitchell appears to see clearly the line of work demanded in the future and no longer offers opposition, but leads off in the new and better way. The trustees departed without having spoken their conclusions, but it is easy to see just what will be done next year if an equally thoughtful and candid board assembles. Payne Seminary will be reunited with Wilberforce proper, and Wilberforce will accept as her chief work the functions of a church school. Her campus will again be filled with youth preparing for work in the A. M. E. church and the great church will again turn its eyes fondly upon this sacred spot. Wilberforce has rounded the cape. The voyage was full of dangers, but it is safely made. A new day has dawned, and its skies are bright with hope. Payne Seminary may disappear as a separate institution, but it will go back to its proper place and be the brightest star that shines among our institutions it will become an essential part of Wilberforce and will win back the glory that for a time had waned.

Bishop Lee has proven himself to be a man of superior parts. He has absolutely towered above all adverse influences and has pursued without swerving an inch a true course to the goal. I have never heard him utter opinions such as some which are expressed in this article, but whether he speaks out or is silent, every one can see that he is giving every fact due consideration. This being the case his course can be predicted with almost unerring accuracy. He will favor the union of Payne Seminary with Wilberforce proper and will concentrate all forces.

Prof. Shorter resigned his office as treasurer and by his silence in the board, did his beloved Wilberforce much good The absence of Prof. Jackson was another blessing. Dr. Jones was left alone upon the floor and did no harm. He is a big-hearted, good natured fellow and took the new departures kindly. The only disturbing elements were one or two new trustees who were manipulated by some of the local tricksters and thus lead to do a little yelling against measures that smacked too much of connectionalism. They were noisy but their noise was as devoid of evil intent as is the braying of an ass.

Prof. Scarborough was elected to his old chair by a unanimous vote and thus was wiped out the error that almost wrecked Wilberforce. Prof. Scarborough was sacrificed to the vindictive wrath of a selfish lot of vampires. To gratify their spleen they connived to pluck from Wilberforce her brightest jewel. Prof. Scarborough was also made the vice president. Prof. Clark and Prof. Delaney are men of splendid character and marked ability. The former has the chair of science, and the latter the chair of mathematics. President Mitchell will put much time visiting conferences and various churches in the interest of the school. He will have a warm welcome everywhere and will do great good. In brief, the trend of events is in the right direction and the danger point is passed; let Wilberforce go on without faltering in the direction she has taken and success awaits her. Bishop Turner was outspoken as to his opinions and much of this article is in reality his utterances re-coined.

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PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
Who was Royally Banquetted in Chicago recently. See article on this page.

THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

DEMONSTRATION IN CHICAGO—A SPLENDID UPRISING OF

Colored Citizens to Honor the Famous Educator and Aid the Tuskegee Industrial Institute.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The coming of Booker T. Washington to Chicago last week, was an occasion long to be remembered by the people of this city. It is doubtful if any other prominent colored man has ever received such a demonstration of enthusiasm, for himself and what he represents, as Mr. Washington received at the hands of Chicago colored people on the evenings of the 26th and 28th of June. Mr. Washington had been to Chicago on several occasions, but always came on the invitation of philanthropists and educators in the interest of his school. While in the city on these occasions he was always the guest of the rich, and sometimes the guest of fashionable clubs. It was delightful to witness how easily all prejudice was swept away by the presence of the noted president o Tuskegee School.

The desire to have Mr. Washington come to Chicago as the guest of his own people and from them receive some substantial aid for his work became so strong, that the Sumner Club determined to take the initiative and offer such an opportunity to the people. The Sumner Club is composed of a limited membership of about fifty gentlemen, made up largely of the professional and business men of the city. The club has been in existence a little over a year. It has no officers and all business is done by an executive committee. That committee now consists of Dr. A. R. Abbott, Louis B. Anderson, Hon. E. H. Wright, S. Laing Williams and J. D. Bryant. These gentlemen were instructed to invite Booker T. Washington to Chicago to be banqueted by the club and also to arrange for a public reception to be tendered to him by all the people.

The banquet was held at the Lexington, the most exclusive up-town hotel in the city. Plates were laid for over seventy in the spacious and beautiful banquet hall. Aside from the guest of honor there were present Dr. J. T. Jenifer, of Baltimore; Dr. H. T. Johnson, of Philadelphia, editor of the Christian Recorder; and Rev. R. C. Bedford, of Beloit, Wis. It was the opinion of everyone present that this banquet was one of the most beautiful, genteel and complete affairs ever attempted and accomplished by the colored people in this country. After the menu had been happily disposed of, the doors of the banquet hall were thrown open to the view of the ladies and gentlemen of the hotel who had thronged the parlors to listen to the toasts. The sight was one of indescribable interest. The rich guests of this fashionable hotel had never dreamed of a sight like this. They applauded and in every way showed their sense of appreciation at this revelation of culture among people whom they knew so little of.

Mr. Lloyd Wheeler was master of ceremonies and toasts were eloquently responded to by Booker T. Washington, Rev. R. C. Bedford, Dr. J. T. Jenifer, Hon. E. H. Morris, F. L. Barnett, Dr. H. T. Johnson, W. L. Martin, A. H. Roberts and Rev. R. C. Ransom. Mr. Roberts' toast of welcome was a notable effort in polish, spirit and thought. Special mention must also be made of Rev. R. C. Ransom's eloquent and stirring address. To say that the addresses were all worthy of the occasion and made the affair altogether enjoyable and inspiring does not half describe their excellence.

But if the banquet was beautifully complete in all the details which make an affair of that kind so peculiarly enjoyable to "men only," the reception at Quinn Chapel Monday evening following, exceeded the banquet in grandeur and impressiveness. This part of the Washington demonstration was in charge of fifty ladies and gentlemen representing the churches and important organizations of the city. Long before seven o'clock, people from all parts of the city thronged to the church, and long before the hour set for opening the exercises, the beautiful auditorium was literally filled to overflowing. It was a beautiful audience in quality, appearance and responsiveness of mood. Prominent people of both races were there. Bishop Arnett came into grace the occasion and lead in a tumultuous outburst of cheers and waving of handerchiefs at the first appearance of Mr Washington. After choice music by the choir, prayer by Bishop Arnett, and fitting introductory addresses by Dr. A. R. Abbott and S. Laing Williams, Mr. Washington had the pleasure of facing the finest audience of colored people that he has seen in the West.

There is no such thing as describing the splendid effect of Mr. Washington's address. His exposition of the theory and practice of industrial education was something long to be remembered. It had in it all the elements of eloquence, logical force and grace of language. People who had heretofore doubted the efficacy of industrial education, and who doubted the safety of Mr. Washington's views on the Negro question were all won over by the spell of his mastery of the subject. After the singing of a song dedicated to Mr. Washington, the words of which were written by Fannie Barrier-Williams, the audience thronged the parlors of the church to greet Mr. Washington with hearty assurances of their interest in him and his work. A large sum was realized from the lecture and presented to Mr. Washington for Tuskegee. In fact the entire demonstration was worthy of the man and of Chicago.

Mr. Washington was impressed, not only by this generous show of interest on the part of Chicago people, but especially by what it may mean to the cause he represents. He speaks of this Chicago demonstration as "the beginning of a new era" for Tuskegee and similar institutions in the South. He believes that if the example set by the colored people of this city could be followed by other cities in the North, it would do much to concentrate public attention upon the struggles of the colored people to emancipate themselves from industrial slavery.

F. B. W.

Meridian Mites.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Miss Bettie A. Mallard of Macon, passed through the city Sunday enroute to Jackson to attend Normal. Mrs. Burnett, mother of W. Maggard, died on the 25th and was buried on the 26th. She was a member of St. Paul M. E. church. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, the pastor, officiated. Mrs. O. Harden's mother died on the 26th at her daughter's home in Thrteenth street. She was buried Sunday morning, June 27th, Rev. Hibbler officiating. A colored Baptist Jubilee will be held Saturday, July 17. The managers are Rev. W. H. Jernagin, president; Rev. O. G. Griffin, secretary; Revs. J. S. Brookins, J. F. Flinn and L. B. Bankhead. Rev. A. Brown of Mobile, Ala., preached at New Hope Baptist church, Sunday afternoon June 27, and at Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, East End, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. T. Flinn, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, South Side, has been carrying on revival at his church for the past two weeks. Leon Martin, the seventeen-year-old son of Past Master E. J. Martin died here on the 26th and was buried Sunday the 27th at Rose Hill Cemetery. Rev. Johnson of Memphis, Tenn., visited here recently. Meridian is soon to have another colored newspaper. A colored woman named Lee was arrested a few days ago, on a charge poisoning a white man named Lloyd.

Prominent People Wed.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The wedding of Miss Lizzie C. Ross, daughter of Clifford Ross, to H. W. Watson was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents No. 30 Dunlap street on the afternoon of June 23rd at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Abbey of Avery Chapel performed the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Watson, departed for Chicago, Ill. Mrs. H. Bass has recovered. The engagement of Miss Gertie D. Miller is announced to Dr. C. A. Terrell of this city. Miss Cora Morgan is visiting her parents in Brunswick. Misses Mary Hall and Pearl Crawford are visiting in Chicago, Ill. Miss Minnie Settles will be at Fernvale Springs for two months. The wedding of Miss Mary L. Mukes, Jacobs, only daughter of Mrs M. Jacobs, to Prof. Crump, was celebrated Wednesday, June 30 in the quaint old church—Salem Baptist. The ceremony took place at 8:45 p. m., Rev. L. W Williams officiating. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents in Broadway. Miss Mukes maid of honor, wore blue organdy, trimmed in lace with taffety and ribbon. Bridesmaids, Miss C. Dobbins wore buff organdy, and Miss Cora Poe, pink organdy, trimmed in lace and taffety ribbons; John L. Brinkley was best man, and Geo. W. West, A. J. H. Bass, P Patterson, and Geo. Keeglor served as ushers. The bride's gown was of brocade satin trimmed in lillies of the valley and veil of tulle.

LIGHT PROM OVER THE SEA.

STATEMENTS KNOWN TO BE TRUE —IN DEFENSE OF AN ESTEEMED

Man—The Situation as it Really Is—Why the "Split" was Made—Promises by Bishop Turner Broken—General Church News.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE,
WEST COAST AFRICA,
May 31, 1897.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

We, the undersigned members and office-bearers of Zion church, Wilberforce street, (late of the A. M. E. church) think it our bounden duty to bring before the public such facts and statements that we know to be true.

In the last issue of the "Voice of Missions," of the A. M. E. church, dated the 1st inst, we have read an article written against our much beloved and esteemed superintendent, Rev. J. R. Frederick, which contained nothing but willful and malicious slander. We will not be so rude and ungentlemanly as to say that the writer is a liar of the first class, but we can say this much that we have known the Reverend gentleman for the past ten years, during which time we have found him a faithful and trustworthy minister in every sense of the words.

As regards the statement in said paper, that the Rev. J. R. F. did not want any minister from the United States around Freetown, we can simply say that the Reverend gentleman is too liberal, too open hearted and too full of love, to have such a mind—the simple fact is, our superintendent, Rev. J. R. F. loves us, and that love cannot allow him to sit down unconcerned when we appeal to him as Presiding Elder, that men are being sent out to us who are not worthy their salt, and claim his protection. Why! what must men, men of sense, men of education, men who are not children, men who support a church, do, when they find they are looked upon as asses, made fools of time after time?

We had simply to act our part with clear consciences and throw off the A. M. E. church, as worthless and unreliable.

The last man we had here viz. L. C. Curtis, as we stated before, could not read his bible, when we complained, we were told he was a graduate of some university and a B. A.; truly we do not know if he graduated in any A. M. E. University, but we were quite sure his B. A. was simple a "Bad Article" of the A. M. E. church. One thing we know, if the A. M. E church has anything to say against our superintendent, Rev. J. R. F., let them come out boldly like men of sense and charge him of such offense, but to go beating around the bush to say "the members of Zion are composed of excellent people, and we love them as our children, and we trust no one will think hard of them for the step they have been induced to take. We have no ill will or malice towards one of them. They are simply being blindly led and will one day regret it." These sentiments are simply foolish and unreasonable; can a society of men, men who are, it is true, not graduates of any A M. E. University, but men of sound, common sense, men who are not led in their transactions in daily life, can they be truly said to have been led? We must say that this diplomatic way of getting out of wrong, is not in our creed. We believe in right, truth and justice, and we are prepared at any time to defend our superintendent and ourselves against all concerned. We are not wood, we are not stone, but men; and being men, we have to stick to right and justice against the deceptive actions and untruthful assertions of the A. M. E. church.

As regards the newly appointed presiding elder of the A. M. E. church, we must state that he has been true and faithful to the tuition of Bishop Turner, who had previously written us to say, "he is expecting to hear soon that we are in battle with him" We thank God we did not place ourselves in the offensive, but no sooner he (Snelson) arrived he took up the offensive and so shamefully disgraced and insulted us by action, that we were obliged to put ourselves on the defensive.

Mr. Editor, just fancy a man newly appointed, and for whom a reception service was publicly announced, to just at the last moment, refust to meet the people; nay, not only the people, but a crowded house of friends and well wishers; did this show a desire to be accepted, loved and respected?

On the contrary, it exhibits a determination to belittle and bemean us; and are to stoop to these things? Some may say yes, because you wish to get to heaven; granted, but we can say this, there are cases in which even christians have to stick to their rights. "Paul though he was quite willing to bear strokes for his master's sake, did not forget to tell the Captain he 'was a Roman.'"

Since we (ten years ago) put ourselves under the management of the A. M. E. church, we have not had a single thing done for us in any shape or form; it may be said (as some are saying) that Rev. J. R. F. had been paid by the A. M. E. church; this we do not deny, but not for Zion, he was being paid as superintendent of their missions in the adjacent rivers, for we all along, when he or any other minister was our pastor, paid the house rent, table allowance and lights; yea, more; our "Ladies Dorcas Society" repeatedly furnished garments and other helps toward the mission.

Our Zion has been in a very bad state since 1891, when Bishop Turner came here for the first time; we made representations to him and he promised to send us our necessary papers which were in the their hands, to enable us to sell some of our property to rebuild our church; after he left here we heard nothing more of it. He came here the second time in 1893, this matter was again put before him; he was quite ready with a deceptive excuse, and promised to see to it as soon as he arrived. He again left and up to 1895 we heard nothing save on his arrival for the third time as usual with some excuse and promises so that up to January 1st, of this year, we could not see ourselves able to do as we liked with even our own property.

Now Mr. Editor, if the A. M. E. church cannot help us themselves, are they justified to hold back what is our own? We now see clearly there is no need of allowing this tomfoolery to go on any longer, and have accordingly dissevered ourselves from the A. M. E. church, and unanimously appointed Rev. J. R. Frederick as our superintendent. Our sister church, St John's, Westmoreland street, hearing of the step we took, followed us, feeling confidently assured, if they remain with the A. M. E. church they will surely be treated in the same way.

We forward you, Mr Editor, copy of the notice of disseverance, and beg to ask if there was any other way of dealing with this matter than that which we have adopted. With our thanks in advance, we remain

Yours sincerely
J. E. DOMINGO GREEN,
GEO. TRINITY PARKER,
J. CAMPBELL WILLIAMS,
JAMES N. JOHNSON,
HARRY JAMES WATHAN.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE,
February 22, 1897.

REV F. G. SNELSON:
P. E., A. M. E. CHURCH:

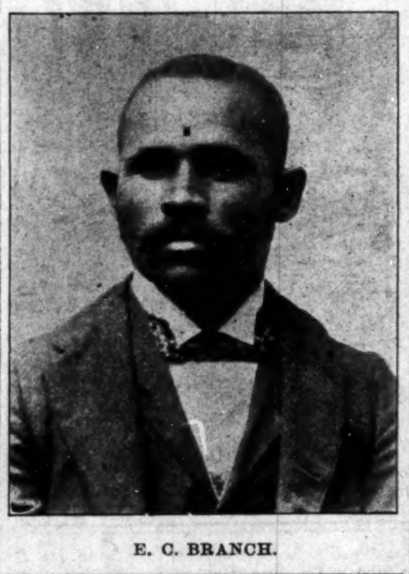
SIR:—At a meeting held in Zion A. M. E. church, this day, it was resolved by a very large majority that in consequence of the repeated causes of dissatisfaction we have had to undergo, that we dissever our connection with the A. M. E. church. The resolution to that effect will be handed to you in due course. Yours truly,

J. E. DOMINGO GREEN,
Chairman.

Our Hustling Agent.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., has been conducting an educational rally at Bethel Baptist church for the benefit of the Houston Baptist Academy. Prof. F. I. Richardson was the leader of the great plan to raise money for the benefit of Antioch Baptist church. Hon. R. L. Andrews, real estate dealer and local banker subscribed for The Freeman. Mr. Andrews is a fair, courteous business man. Prof. H. C. Hardy



E. C. BRANCH.

is a true friend to The Freeman. The Southern Review of this city bids fair to become an educational paper of the South. Prof. W. H. Wilson is editor. The pamphlet written by E. C. Branch will be out within four weeks. Subject "My Opportunity for an Education." To the Houston readers: All persons whose subscriptions have expired will please renew at once, or we will be compelled to drop your name if further delay Call now, or address E. C. Branch, agent, 919 Sanfelipe street, Houston, Tex.

Conductors of the C. H. & D. and B. & O. S. W. Railways and Big Four Route have been instructed to refush to accept mileage tickets of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Sandusky Railway after June 9th.

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FIREMEN'S WATCHFULNESS.

Habits of Vigilance That Prevent a Comrade's Danger From Being Overlooked.

After twoscore firemen had been taken unconscious from the cellar of a burning building in Chambers street a curious citizen who wandered inside the fire lines asked:

"How do they happen to know in all this confusion and noise that men supposed to be fighting fire in the cellar have been overcome by smoke and are lying down there unconscious, and how, too, with nearly 40 men rescued, do they know that there are not more men in the cellar in a similar predicament?"

Under the circumstances the question was perfectly natural. It was a dark night and the fact that the electric lights for a block east and west sputtered constantly instead of giving a steady light did not improve matters. All was confusion around the burning building. Firemen were running every which way. Policemen were beating back the crowd which was struggling to get near enough to the engine house to see the prostrate firemen within. Ambulances and fire engines blocked the street, and firemen were clambering over the roofs of adjoining buildings, yelling hoarsely at one another and seeking places to fight the fire.

Naturally in all this confusion it was a matter of wonder to one not familiar with the ways of firemen how in the world they could tell whether or not any of their comrades was in danger. The cellar of the building was full of thick, black smoke, which no man could live in even for a short time, and besides that the temperature was down to zero, for the fire was in a cold storage warehouse and the freezing rooms were in the cellar.

There is a system in the fire department by which the men can keep track of one another. The rule is for the men of each company to look out for the members of that company. This makes it comparatively easy for the men to keep track of one another, for there are rarely more than a dozen men in a company, and each man in it knows about where his comrades are working at a fire.

The custom among the men is to keep constantly inquiring for one another. If Jones hasn't happened to see Smith for some time, he immediately asks the first man of his company that he comes across where Smith is. If that man can't tell, the inquiries go on, and so a man can't be missing for very long without his comrades knowing it. Then it is an easy matter to trace Smith to the last task he was ordered to do, and as a rule he is hauled safely out of danger. From constant usage the system has become almost perfect, and the cool courage that it has developed has made the department one of the finest in the world. The men will risk everything and go against the most tremendous odds to save a comrade.—New York Sun.

A Wheelman's Device.

Ingenious wheelmen of Nice have put an end to the tribute of lives which a hill near that city has been exacting from them. At the bottom of this declivity, it seems, there is a sharp turn, then a bridge with a low parapet, and just beyond a terrible amount of nothing at all except scenery. Long ago the French Touring club put a sign advising caution in a conspicuous place at the top of the descent, but this did not prove sufficient to overcome the fatal attraction of the abyss, and wheelmen continued to precipitate themselves into the view—which, by the way, was private property—with a rapidity that threatened in time seriously to diminish the club's annual receipts from dues.

After long study of the problems, financial, æsthetic and others, which the case involved, it was decided to suspend just beyond the parapet a strong net neatly woven of steel wires. The very day after it was put in place a bicyclist came coasting wildly down the hill, struck the stone wall, left his wheel —it wasn't worth taking any farther—and took a graceful header into the net. For the first time it wasn't necessary for the newspapers of Nice, in giving their regular news from the bridge of Raminguo, to say anything about "a plunge into eternity." Since then the net has saved an average of four lives a week, and so well known have its powers become that picnic parties from the city, which once avoided the bridge as a place of tragical associations, now resort there daily to watch, from the cool shade of nearby trees, the amusing postures assumed by the wheelmen and wheelwomen when they strike the elastic wires. According to recent information from that region the spectacle is well worth seeing.—New York Times.

Bone and Sinew.

"We cannot succeed," said the prime minister, "without the sinews of war."

"By sinews," said the private secretary, who occasionally moved in the lower circles, "I presume you mean bones."

And it was with great sorrow that he found himself compelled to explain to his chief that dollars were often so designated by the vulgar.—Typographical Journal.

Rough on Abdul Aziz.

When Abdul Aziz, sultan of Turkey, was deposed, Queen Victoria telegraphed to his captors in French, "Soignez le bien," or "Take good care of him." The wires said, "Saignez le bien," which means something very different—namely, "Bleed him well," an error of the wires which reads grewsomely in the light of the fate which befell that unhappy monarch.

Contentment.

"I saw you last night as I passed by your house. What in the world was that contrivance you had sticking out from your forehead?"

"Cute, wasn't it? You see, my wife lets me smoke in the house, but I have to wear an arrester to keep the smoke from soiling the ceiling. Clever, ain't it?"—Cleveland Leader.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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When I read in The Freeman a few months ago that my literary co-worker and friend, Dr. J. M. Henderson, had mastered the "bike" I at once concluded that I could also learn how to ride a wheel. I went, I saw, I tried and I was conquered. In other words, my self-conceit had a fall—a fall both figuratively and real—a sort of "double header" fall.

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Two weeks ago I made up my mind not to let the good doctor outstrip me. I concluded to learn how to ride a wheel. I marched off the said night to a "high grade" bicycle school and started to take lessons. My teacher told me that in one week I would graduate as a second Zimmerman, for which information I gave him a tip of one dollar in good U. S. coins. I gave him my theory of the art or science in bicycle riding and he agreed with me. I then gave him my business card and told him who his distinguished literary pupil was.

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"On with the ride! Let awkwardness be confined," I said to myself as I mounted my wheel, my instructor holding it. Around and around the hall I (we) went for two hours. When I left for home my teacher encouragingly whispered in my ear: "You done well." The next night as I left he repeated almost the same words of cheer; he said: "You did well to-night." The third night he took me out upon the street and up and down the smooth asphalt pavement we went for blocks and blocks. When we returned to the hall he (falsely I now believe) told me that for the last two blocks I had been "going it alone." At the end of the week he pronounced me a perfect rider. As I took a Fulton street elevated train homewards, I said to myself: "Oh, I don't know, Dr. Henderson, you are not the only colored bicycle rider in Brooklyn; 'there are others.'"

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The following Tuesday I made it a point to call upon a young lady who is an expert wheel-rider—in fact she is all wheels, from head to foot (beg pardon if this arrests her eye, as no reflection is meant.) She at once commenced to talk wheels. I, in an off-hand way said I was going to take a run down to Coney Island Friday afternoon (Friday always was an unlucky day.) She asked in surprise: "Why, Mr. Hodges, do you ride a wheel?" "Yes, Miss," was my reply. She then, with all the art of womanhood remarked how she and Emma were going down the road Friday afternoon, but as Emma was sick she (the dear young Miss afore mentioned) would not dare to go alone. I at once asked if she would have my company; that nothing would give me more pleasure, etc., etc. She said "with pleasure."

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I had a navy blue pair of pants cut down and made into a cycle pair; costs 75 cents. I bought a pair of brown and red checker-board stockings, cost 85 cents; I bought a white flannel sweater, cost \$2.25 and a blue cap cost 50 cents; total cost of outfit \$4.35. As the mythical "Mrs. John Wilson the second," says in the realistic story of the step-mother, that "something" which inwardly tells us what to do and what not to do, told me not to buy a wheel for the present, at least. I therefore concluded to rent one for the eventful Friday afternoon.

I engaged the wheel two days ahead, paying the full amount of the hire in advance. I was obliged to give name, address, reference, etc., and go through a lot of red tape business, as the parties did not know me. It was my intention to call at their store for the wheel. Imagine my surprise when a boy rode the wheel up to my door about three o'clock that Friday. He came up to my flat and informed me, directly and also my-mind-other-folks-business-neighbors indirectly. It was soon whispered from flat to flat that "Mr. Hodges is going out for a bicycle ride—look out of the window quick." Sumpter street is the worse paved street in Brooklyn and I did not intend to risk myself upon the same, so I lit a cigar and started off leading my "bike" much to the disgust of my neighbors. I took my wheel to the Saratoga avenue station of the King's County Elevated Railroad, took a train and was soon at the door of Miss Blank; I found her waiting.

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We mounted and started up Dean street, one of the best asphalt paved streets in the city. We reached "Bader's Road House," a wayside (out-of-pocket) inn. Here we rested and had some liquid refreshments. In order that the "blue ribbon" young lady reader will not form a bad opinion of Miss Blank, I'll say that she had ice cream and I had ice water, "on the side." We then started down "Ocean Parkway," the finest and most picturesque drive or boulevard in the United States, if not in the world. The cycle paths are perfection and we went along for a mile or so towards Coney Island, Miss Blank and I side by side. Let me inform the reader living outside of Brooklyn that it is not fashionable for a lady and man to ride slowly side by side on their wheels. The proper thing is for the dear girl to ride ahead at a break-neck speed of about three miles, more or less, a minute and for the man to follow both ringing their bells, as they pass other wheelmen and bikewomen, for reasons the reader will conclude after finishing this "Bluster."

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It was a fine afternoon and everybody and his brother and sister (?) were out. At Parkville one mile and a half from Bader's, opposite of Farrell's, who between the lines, is the meanest man on earth, a fellow behind me rang his bell as if the whole world was on fire. "Keep to the right, Pop, there are others on the road," and he dashed pass me like a flash to the left. The next minute a—a—well, a man rang his bell and yelled: "Hey there whiskers! keep to the left. Oh, I don't know; you are not so summer time," and he shot passed me on the right. After that about one hundred passed me with a ring and a yell—some going to the right, some to the left, and telling me to always keep to the other side from the one they took.

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On we went for about a half mile when I heard scores of bells behind me ringing and yells of "keep to the right," "keep to the left!" as riders flashed pass me on both sides. I looked behind me and saw I was in the middle of a cycle club. I lost my head and steered my wheel zig-zag to the right and then to the left; I tried but failed to slacken my speed, which seemed to me two miles a half minute. All at once without warning as I was riding first to the right, then left, trying to dodge the mob, my front wheel suddenly turned cross-wise, stopping the bike and throwing me head first in the road. I landed on my mouth, knocking out a front tooth, then sliding about three feet on my breast, tearing my shirt. The next half second I was in the middle of a sympathetic (?) crowd of about sixty odd who were asking the following questions: "Are you hurt, Pop?" "What's up?" "Who ran into the coon?" "Is your wheel broke, mister?" "Do you know the man that struck you?" "Can I do anything for you, young fellow?" "I saw him hit you; here's my card; it's a d— outrage." "Now, will you be good? Ha! ha! ha!" "Shall I tell them that I saw you?" etc.

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I made no replies, but pushed my way through the crowd and looked in vain for Miss Blank. She must have been almost to Coney Island as I saw nothing of her. I suppose that a good wheelwoman like a good soldier, never looks back. Seeing nothing of her I crossed over to Brown's Road House, saying words and things learned at Sunday school (?) thirty years ago. I checked my wheel and took the cars for home. Experience is a good teacher; it has convinced me that there may be other good wheelmen in Brooklyn besides Dr. J. M. Henderson, but I am not one of them.

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In conclusion, I intend to bring suit against some one for \$10 for the loss of a front tooth, but am at a loss to know who is the guilty party—Dr. Henderson, Miss Blank, my teacher, the man who rented me the wheel or myself-conceited self. "Who is who?"

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Let me say to the young people—the members of our several "400's," male and female, residing in all our cities, (those in "Greater New York" please take particular notice) that if you wish to do good or live after death in the memory of history or fame, organize at once clubs for the betterment of the worthy Negro poor of your town. Give picnics in summer and balls in winter if you wish, or if you are too good or religious to dance, hold a fair and take the money resulting therefrom and buy ice in summer and coal or wood in winter for the poor of your race. You may not get your names in the papers, but you will surely get them recorded above by so doing.

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The Negro voters of Ohio, the leading Negro lynching state of the Union. (Shades of its old time abolitionists!) have for years had an important and respected voice at the polls. They and all law-loving citizens of that state will have a golden opportunity this fall to "turn down" the dough-faced, milk-and-water Bushnell. Stand him on his head, Bro. Smith & Co. I wish I was a citizen of "Old High Oh!" I wouldn't do a thing to him. Well, say—

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Hot! Hotter! ——!! It's too hot to write or think. If it keeps on this way, my story "Twas Not to Be" will not be finished at the time contemplated, however, I hope this fear "was not to be." Look out for the story on time.

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Don't write to me about the Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce, (even if you do enclose return postage) unless you mean business. If you are a fool, don't try, even if you pay for it, to make a fool of others. By the way, will a certain backsliding lady member of the I. S. D. C. kindly acknowledge the receipt of the cut sent her by me several moons ago? I know she got it, still, I hope she will be lady enough to "officially" inform me. Why not, dear friend, be honest and like the subscriber,

B. SQUARE.

Horace W. Bivens.

The subject of this sketch, Horace W. Bivens, was born at Pungoteague, Accomack County, Virginia, and enlisted in the U. S. Cavalry Nov. 7, 1897, and was made sharp-shooter the first target season. In the year 1894 he won the first prize, a gold medal, on both carbine and revolver teams of department, and helping to represent the department on army competition won first prize, gold medal, which was transferred to the distinguished team that same year and received a gold badge, breaking all previous records. He is the only man who ever won three first places in one year in the history of the U. S. Army. Mr. Bivens is now located at Ft. Assinniboine, Mont., and is Serg't. of Troop G 10th Cavalry.

HORACE W. BIVENS.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr. Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo. W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and \$1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

Personal.

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P. O. Box 27, Augusta, Lewis and Clark Co., Mont.

TRACKING A CHILD.

Showing That a Bloodhound Is Not Always a Fierce Beast.

So many terrible stories of the ferocity of bloodhounds have been told that it is refreshing to read a true story of a chase by a bloodhound in which the hunter and the hunted were equally satisfied. It is vouched for by a writer in Good Words, who had it from an eyewitness.

The bloodhound was enjoying a stroll with his master on the sands of Weston-super-Mare, quietly following the horse his owner rode. Neither was thinking of a chase. In fact nothing seemed further from the character of the dog than a desire to interfere with any human being. The group of pleasure seekers scattered over the sands saw nothing unusual in him, nor did the poor distracted woman who ran from one group to another frantically asking for tidings of a lost child. Nobody knew anything of the missing boy, and when in her desperation she approached the gentleman on the horse he also shook his head.

But though he knew nothing of her boy, he was not so sure that he could not help her find him. He alighted from his horse, and thrusting his arm through the bridle bent over the pudding, putting both hands carelessly round his head. Then he took from the woman something that looked like a child's hat and held it toward the dog, talking to him the while. The hound sniffed and whined mournfully, as if unwilling to leave his master. Soon, however, he lifted his head in the air, uttered a short, sharp bark or bay and began sniffing about the sands.

For a minute or two he followed the scent in a zigzag fashion, and then, with a long, loud bay, turned off at an amazing pace, ran in a straight line across the sands, crossed the parade, and, baying as he went, turned down a side street.

That was an exciting chase—the field the streets of a populous watering place and the game a lost child. The loud voice of the dog could be heard in the distance, guiding those who followed. The mother's feet were swift, but she could not keep up with the dog. On he went till he had run his prey to ground. Then he stopped and fawned upon the little lad, who was overjoyed to find so friendly a playmate. When the mother came up, hunter and hunted were the best of friends, so much so that neither was willing to part with the other.

The gentleman had more than once to summon his dog before he would consent to leave the child. As for the boy, he could not be led away while the dog remained, and after the hound had disappeared he was still heard to murmur, "I would like that dear doggie for my own."

NATURE'S CYCLE PATH.

The Sandy Shore of Lake Erie Is Admirably Fitted For Wheeling.

Most of us at one time or another have basked for awhile upon some sandy beach of ocean or lake. We have bathed in the surf, gathered shells upon the shore, and thus whiled away many idle hours, but it was reserved for the bicycle to make us really acquainted with those stretches of beach and shore which seem to have been purposely prepared by kind Mother Nature as a glorious cycle path. Whether or not she originally intended it for wheels, she certainly spends a great deal of her time in keeping the path in repair, and those active servants of hers, wind and wave, rain and sun, are kept very busy at work upon it all the time.

This long and varied path stretches in its entirety hundreds of miles along our ocean shores and around the borders of our great lakes, but the particular bit with which we became familiar during happy summer weeks, and to share in whose delights I would tempt others, is a comparatively small portion on the southern shore of Lake Erie. It begins with the extreme end of Cedar point, which with its long arm holds in a portion of Sandusky bay, and extends eastward 15 miles or more up the shore. This sandy shore continues all the way to Cleveland and beyond, but because of some intervening piles of rock one cannot ride the whole 60 or 60 miles. The shorter distance is, however, enough for a summer day's ride, especially if one takes it comfortably and leisurely and appropriates to himself the countless joys spread before him.—Grace Wickham Curran in St. Nicholas.

Zoological Gardens.

The following figures show the annual cost for maintenance of some of the principal foreign zoological gardens: Berlin, \$137,500; Antwerp, \$136,800; Amsterdam, \$105,000; London, \$100,000; Cologne, \$75,800; Rotterdam, \$65,000; Hanover, \$42,000; Paris, \$20,000. Thus far the cost of maintaining the zoological parks in Washington and Philadelphia has been \$50,000 each per year.

Not Bird Built.

"There was a strange man here to see you today, papa," said little Ethel, who met her father in the hall as he came home on Wednesday night.

"Did he have a bill?"

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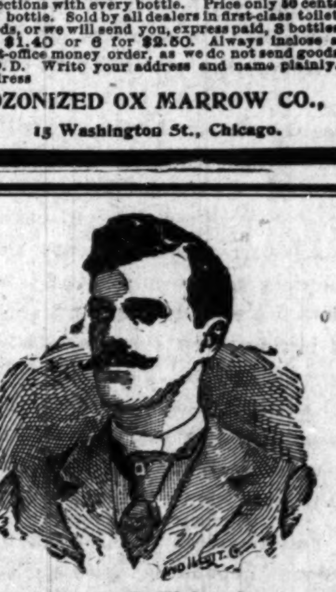

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SEDITION!

"Sedition" is a drastic term, yet no one word in the vocabulary suits so well as a caption for some of the speeches made at Atlanta, Ga., last week by men said to be eminent in the profession of law. It is fair to assume that the spirit of mob justification has been given an impetus by the speech of Mr. Hal. Lewis, said to be a legal light with a national reputation, that will require years of sentiment building to overcome. Mr. Lewis, if reputation and learning is a motor in shaping and adjusting affairs, has already done incalculable harm. His very untimely speech which had for its object the justification of lynch law, has been heralded far and near. Those who may have had scruples on the subject can now grow stout of heart. The faith of those who thought they saw a diminution of the evil has slackened. It is a black eye to law and order, given by the white race, by an eminent barrister, so said, before a legal fraternity and to the world. We subjoin the following extract of his speech:

Lynchings in Georgia are almost invariably the result of horrible outrages perpetrated upon helpless and defenseless women. Is it because the people are apprehensive that such a culprit with proof of guilt would escape punishment, if left in the custody of the law? No one doubts that under our system, as it stands, his conviction would be assured. Is it because an unreasonable delay in trial and execution is apprehended? No one doubts the readiness of any judge in Georgia to call a special term of court in such cases whenever the welfare of society demands it. Is it because of an unusual spirit of lawlessness among the white people of Georgia that they would perpetrate or permit such mob violence? I dare say that the criminal record of this class of people will compare favorably with that of any state or nation on the globe.

Why, then, is lynch law more frequently practiced here than in the North and West? Is it because the crime to which we have referred is more frequent here and the danger of its perpetration greater? He that supposes that this evil can be corrected by legislation simply does not understand and appreciate the situation, especially in our rural districts. The laboring farmer often has to leave his wife and children at home beyond call of neighbors or reach of help. When the news of the outrage spreads every man within the sphere of its influences takes it home to himself, not knowing when the happiness of his home circle may be forever blighted by an injury more fearful than death. The blood that courses through his veins is inflamed to a white heat. He reasons that such a criminal at large is more to be dreaded than the most ferocious beast that ever roamed the forest; that he has placed himself beyond the pale of the law, and is not entitled to the benefit of either law or clergy. He is lynched because his victim should not be subjected to the further humiliation of detailing a crime which she can hardly whisper to her husband or breathe to her parents. He is lynched because of the conviction in the public mind that this is the most effectual way of preventing a repetition of the offense. He is lynched not because the lynchers have less regard for law and order but because they have more concern for the sanctity of home and the protection of its inmates. To attempt a correction of such a sentiment, such anxieties such feelings by statute would prove as futile as an effort to overcome the fury of the cyclone or to prevent the lightning flashes from the stormcloud.

Thus can be seen the possible harm, for no one can deny but what he has stated his case as strong as the language permits. In fact while the article looks cool and calculating, supposed to be lacking the inflamatory elements, yet through it all is that steady, sturdy earnestness that is so much more telling. But regardless of his matchless ability, the case is too highly colored, over-drawn and misleading. It is malicious to allege that society is so wrought up. A speech of this kind mentioned begets a wrong impression of the community, state and country. Mr. Lewis can not afford any more than any other citizen to insist that society is terrorized by this form of crime, and that the people are sleeping on their arms for an emergency. No one has a right to so malign a race. While we are not guided by statistics, but it is safe to say that a true bill of rape is as rare as in crime on the criminal calendar. It is not so prevalent that it becomes the special subject of consideration by a body of learned lawyers. In all other cases that appear on court dockets the element of doubt enters largely. Lawyers who have their case well in hand rush to the abili theory, mistaken identity possibility, conspiracy and last, but not least the dernier resort theory All of these possible conditions will be thoroughly exhausted by a good lawyer before he delivers his client up for the law's decrees. The detailing of the circumstances relative to the crime too horrible for utterance is the strongest plea Mr. Lewis makes. But along side this enters all these elements of doubt. No note is taken of that horrible death doled out to an innocent man, victim of some hellish conspiracy to rid the community of his presence. There is nothing said by these eminents in council assembled that would lead one to suspect that the charges might not be sustaintained. It is the only crime in this country that accusation means conviction. Yet thousands of innocents charged with other crimes have been hurled to the prison houses by the law's stern decree, only to be dismissed after an investigation or examination. The records of Southern criminal history at no time ever contained an insertion where a Negro was charged with rape and it was proven false. It is all too palpable. There are some sins committed by white women as well as black women. While admitting the possibility of the truthfulness to some extent the cry of rape, it is very often a false alarm. A Negro takes his life in his hand when he moves in the vicinity of some of these vicious people people. A statement, a word from any white woman will send a Negro to hell too quick to tell it. This is the side that needs some of Atlanta's legal flummery. "What hope has the Negro charged with rape, but who did not rape?" With all the legal astuteness of the erudite Mr. Lewis and the erudition of that most learned body, the subject that needs ventilation has not been disturbed. Justice is defeated until the Negro that did not rape is vindicated. The speech of Mr. Lewis' precludes that possibility if carried out. We think we have established a case against Mr. Lewis, who with his reputation as a lawyer, should not have allowed. We see nothing in his utterances short of sedition. He has acted as a lawyer with his client's side of the story in view only—utterly impervious to the other side. In his scheme of justification a court is not a necessary institution, guilty or guiltless all succumb alike. A Negro has no standing at this bar erected in minds gangrened by prejudices, whose decisions are simply standing orders.

The Herculean club, of this city, a strong Republican organization, is about to reorganize on a broader basis. While the club is moving off nicely, a move of this kind was thought to be the best by the guiding spirits of the institution.

There is some talk of Negro dissafection in Ohio. We can not think that in the end any considerable number of Negroes will be arrayed against the Republicans. The question is whither will they fly for redress for any supposed grievances? The object, it seems, should not be to demolish the party on account of differences likely to occur in any organization.

THE RECORDER OF DEEDS.

If current reports are true, Cheatham, who was appointed to the office of Recorder of Deeds at Washington, D. C., does not seem to have the good of his party at heart in the administration of his office. The charge of nepotism in a government like ours, is a grave one outside of the impolitic side of the question. Too much local influence is just as bad in a representative administration. Consanguinity in this country counts for very little, and in fact the rushing of that phase in distributing party rewards serves as a political deterrent. Grover Cleveland has well said, a public office is a public trust, and by way of amendment we may add, not a private snap. If the present administration means to make the selection of colored men for office popular, it should select men broad enough to overcome the importuning of impecunious kinsmen; men who will share the patronage over the largest possible territory, and at the same time over the territory most productive in results. It might work a wrong to Mr. Cheatham to insist that his office is made up in this way. But the fact remains that influence spent that becomes possible through the prestige the office brings, is mispent if it is not spent in building up the party. The "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife" theory is not fit for politics. Every move on the political chess board should mean so much political increment to party capital. It is enough for the opposite party to bear the political market. Cheatham should keep these truths in mind. The fact that he probably has the largest office by the way of salary likely to come to a colored man, and the most patronage to dispense, it would have been more politics to cast this patronage or influence broad spread, and especially to those states that are so very uncertain. Ohio and especially Indiana needs as much attention as any state in the Union, owning to the sudden changes of political convictions. Too much can not be done in Indiana. A clerkship or messengership tendered the state that had such strong candidates for the position, would not have been amiss. Ohio is more reliably Republican than Indiana. It is true Dr. Elbert has been appointed to a consulship, but the nature of his position forbids patronage. Perhaps we are talking without a cause, yet from this distance we see it thus. What is the matter with Indiana, Mr. Cheatham?

CONVERGING OF THE RACE.

The marriage of Ex-Minister John S. Durham, of Philadelphia, to an estimable white lady of that city, either marks an epoch in the status of social affairs of the country, or is a striking incident. It may be an incident likely to occur as an exception to any rule. Without giving too much prominence to the much mooted question of Negro inferiority, it is safe to say such unions may be the entering wedge towards the dissipation of the well drawn lines between the races. The experiment, however, is extremely hazardous; for not alone is the usual gauntlet of besetments incident to newly married life to be run, but a fictitious condition, that of color and the classification of offsprings presents itself, which in these pioneer days of race intermarriage, makes a theme none too inviting. But love, the great leveler, may clarify these conditions to those of immediate concern. But in some way or other as it always has been, the pioneer must suffer. This pair will suffer, notwithstanding the mutual consents. Frederick Douglass suffered and became a martyr, for his cause was just. And through it all comes the illustration of that great possible truth that the race's salvation rests in amalgamation. The Negro must lose his identity. His personality must be caught up in the great vortex of human affairs and ground up beyond distinct recognition. It can not be held that this is the starting point as yet, although it may be, for as before stated, the rule is not determined by the exceptions. We hope the pair a journey void of disagreeable incidents.

J. E. Domingo Green, of Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa, insists that he is not trying to make terms with the A. M. E. church. He, for a number of reasons cited, claims that he can not be reconciled to the church. Bishop Turner has done his best to put things on a peace footing. The following is a quotation from a letter sent by the Bishop: "Now a man will be in charge in the person of Elder Snelson, beloved and respected in this country, (America), and I shall await to hear that you are in a battle with him." Elder Snelson read this letter to Green, but Green refused to be comforted. He and others hold the church property, claiming that it is theirs in fee simple.

We take great pleasure in announcing that W. F. Battich, the young man who was sentenced to prison for eight years for a slight offense, has been pardoned. We are also pleased to announce that it was mainly through the efforts of The Freeman, seconded by the prosecuting witnesses, Jno. Puryear and others, that this unfortunate young man enjoys his freedom. Last, but not least in this transaction was the great hearted governor, Gov. Mount, who was touched by the young man's infirmities, by the appeals of his friends and by the very unusual phase of the case.

Dr. S. A. Elbert, appointed Consul to Bahia, left for Washington this week. The appointment has proven very popular. Congratulations from all quarters are pouring in upon the Doctor. He richly deserves the appointment received.

Mr. H. C. Smith, of Ohio, has thrown down the gage of battle to Mr. J. P. Green.

Sunday School Workers Meet.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.

On June 29, 1897, the delegates and members of the Evansville district met in Bethel A. M. E. church this city. Rev. M. Lewis, presiding elder of the district, called the convention to order, and a song was rendered by the Jeffersonville choir. After the usual services of prayer, the various committees were appointed, The convention adjourned until 2 o'clock. The hour of two having arrived, the committee on permanent organization made their report: For President of the convention, Prof. W. N. Fouse, of Corydon; Vice Miss Nellie Gray, of Jeffersonville; Sec., Preston Eagleson, Bloomington; Asst. Sec., Miss Musetta Smith, of Charlestown; Treas Prof. Jos. Jackson, of Terre Haute; District Supt. Prof. R. F. Taylor, of Jeffersonville; On Public Worship, Rev. F. Pettiford, Rev. F. P. Baker and Prof. R. F. Taylor.

At 3 p. m. there was a sermon preached by the Rev. Jasper Siler, of Terre Haute Mission, after which there was a paper read by Miss Ella Rickman, of New Albany, subject: "How to Interest the Primary Classes." The paper was read with force and intelligence. At 8 p. m. the convention was called to order by the president, the feature of the evening was the welcome address by the mayor of the city, and the president of City Council. For the first time in the history of the city of Jeffersonville, that the mayor ever welcomed a colored assembly to the hospitality of the city. Too much cannot be said in the praise of the pastor, Rev F. B. Baker who arranged this great entertainment. After speeches by the mayor, president of the council, Eagleson, of Bloomington; Brown, of Jeffersonville; Bray, of Charlestown, and our worthy Presiding Elder M. Lewis, they were invited by the pastor to a sumptuous repast prepared by the ladies of the church.

The feature of the morning of the second day, was the arrival of the famous Charlestown Choir. Afterwhich there was a paper read by the eloquent scholar of Bloomington, Mr. Preston Eagelson, subject: "Systematic Teaching the Sunday School." The personality of the convention was a solo by Miss Nellie Gray, of Jeffersonville, entitled "Sweet Spirits Hear my Prayer." Among the ministers of the A. M. E. church present were the Revs. W. H. Taylor, Corydon; J. F. Pettiford, New Albany; Cottell, Bloomington; Jasper Siler, Terre Haute; N. L. Bray, Charlestown. Rev. Dr. Tyree, of Louisville, made a fine address to the convention. Musetta J. Smith was secretary.

Muncie Items

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The "Tom Thumb Wedding" given at the A. M. E. church a short time ago will be repeated Monday evening July 13. Geo. Morin is in the city, for a short stay with relatives. Geo. Akers, of Lima, O., is in the city, visiting at the home of Dr. Morin. Miss Davenport, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Mae Shoecraft, of Blair street. Rev. White and wife, are entertaining the mother of Mrs. White, from Indianapolis. Misses Vennor and Mayme Robbins are visiting at Lima, O., the guests of Miss Jessie Lilly and Miss Florence Tyree. Mrs. S. Jackson, of Whitely, visited Cincinnati last Sunday. Will Downs left Sunday for Cincinnati, to visit his father. The A. M. E. church Aid Society was entertained by Mrs. Martha Fry, Wednesday July 7. Bartlett Roberts who has been indisposed for a few days is much improved. Mr. Ivey was called to Brightwood last week, to be at the bedside of his brother, who had been shot. Grant Frazier visited Anderson last week.

DISTRICT GRAND SESSION

Of the Independent Order of Twelve—Sunday School Commencement—Society and Personal News.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The district grand session of the Independent Order of Twelve, K. D. of T., convened at Masonic Hall on George street, near John, on Tuesday, June 29. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. George Bullett, which was highly commended. The parade took place on Thursday, which consisted of 52 carriages, two being drawn by four horses, containing the officers, which made a grand appearance, and was acknowledged to be the grandest display ever made by any order in this city. The annual sermon was preached at Allen Temple A. M. E. church by Dr. J. M. Townsend, with addition of a few eloquent remarks by Dr. A. J. Dehart, of Walnut Hill. On Thursday evening a grand banquet was tendered, which was a swell affair. The officers elected are as follows: A. J. Lucas, D. G. M., Wilming on, O.; Anna Brown, D. G. P.; Hattie Jackson, D. G. R., Washington C. H., O.; M. Merchant, D. G. O.; Sadie McKinnie, D. I. St., Xenia, O.; John Hockins, D. O. St.

The third annual commencement of Allen Temple A. M. E. Sunday school was held at the church, Sixth and Broadway, Sunday, July 4, at 3 o'clock p. m. The welcome address was delivered by R. Robert Hatch, class of '97. A brief history of the A. M. E. church by G. D. Simpson, was very commendable. Essay, "Spiritual Liberty and power," by Miss Edna Smith, was grand and inspiring. The solo, "Rock of Ages," rendered by Prof. A. N. Quarles, was highly commended. The entire program was par-excellent. The graduating class of '97 are as follows: Alma Bell, R. Robert Hatch, G. D. Simpson, Florence Winslow, A. N. Quarles, Edna Smith, G. D. Simpson. Rev. J. M. Townsend, D. D., pastor, John Dixon, superintendent.

Mrs. Fannie Williams, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting in the city, the guest of her son, Charles Williams, 219 Water street. Miss Edna Jones of Lexington, Ky., is visiting her father, Charles Jones, 554 George street. An enjoyable event of the past week was the Stag Dinner given by L. D. Ervin, Thursday afternoon, July 1, to seven of his most intimate friends. Those present were Messrs. Sam Bledsoe, Howard Boone, Bob Wallace, I. M. Campbell, John Campbell, J. Hollman and Ed. Coleman. Mr. Coleman acted as toast master, who proved himself equal to the emergency, and was ably responded to by Messrs. J. Campbell, L. D. Ervin and Sam Bledsoe. Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell entertained at dinner Miss Alice Bartley, Mrs. Harris, Ed. Coleman and L. D. Ervin, who left for Mackanaw Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hart and Daughter Gertrude of 505 W. Court street, accompanied by Miss Snyder, have returned home from Chillicothe, O., highly elated over the grand reception given them while there, especially the young gentlemen. Mrs. M. E. Bradford of 632 E. Broadway, left this week for Atlantic City, N. J. From there she will visit New York and other Eastern cities. Mrs. Samuel Starks, of 712 Broadway, is visiting relatives and friends in Richmond, Ind. John Bass, a prominent citizen, departed this life Thursday, the 1st inst., and was buried from his late residence at 526 W. Court street. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Townsend. Any one wishing two nice parlor rooms will please call on Mrs. Crittenden, 669 Carlisle ave. The entertainment given by the Union Baptist Sunday school last Thursday evening, was a grand success. Allen Temple outing will take place at Woodsdale Island July 22. There will be a grand picnic given at Price Hill famous resort July 15, which promises to be a grand affair.

News of the Week.

Columbus, O., Special.

The Second Baptist church gave a 20th Century garden party at Mrs. Moore's, on Mount Vernon street. Minnie Lyons has gone to Cleveland, to visit her aunt. Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, of Cincinnati, was in the city. Walter White has returned to his old home and is holding down a chair in a Long street barber shop. Mrs. Mary Young is visiting friends in South Charlestown, O. Thos. Williams was appointed on the police force. Sherman Wiggins who graduated from the Ohio University leaves for Texas soon where he is going to practice law. The Moonlight Social club, of the east-end gave a basket outing at the Alum Creek Park.

There were about eighteen delegates to the democratic convention held here last week. Cincinnati, Cleveland, Xenia, Lorain and other towns were represented. L. Stewart was removed from the police force. Norman Alsup was married to Miss Caperson by Rev. J. Maxwell, at the residence of Mr. Fields on Taylor avenue. Chas. Gatewood has been appointed in the fire department, and assigned to duty on West Broad street. Lieutenant Logan who had been in the fire departmart for about ten years, was not reappointed. Mrs. Turner, of Stone street, is on the sick list. Charles Redmond who was found guilty of shooting with intent to wound, has been sentenced to the Mansfield reformatory. Mr. Powell failed to pass examination for the police force. Company B. 9th Regiment have gone in camp at Springfield for rifle practice. A musical and literary entertainment was given by the ways and means committee of the K. of P. at their hall July 5.

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Wedding Bells.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The A. M. E. Sunday School convention held a very interesting session last week in St. John A. M. E. church. Now is the time to subscribe for The Freeman, only $1 per year. Prof. J. S. Evans, E. E. Evans, A. L. Latimore, Miss Josephine Evans and W. R. Lee, of Jernigan, Ala., attended the Sunday school convention in Eufaula last week. Isaac May and Miss Laura Hutchins were married Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Winn. Jacob Jackson and Charlie Moore have opened a tailor shop on Eufaula street. J. E. Lucas, of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city. T. J. Tennille, one of The Freeman readers, of Howe, Ala., attended the Sunday school convention last week. Don't miss next week's issue of The Freeman; call on the agent for a copy, only 5 cents. Miss Alice Jenkins is on the sick list. Eufaula needs a colored dentist. Miss Missouri Daniels is a great admirer of The Freeman. The services at St. John A. M. E. church last Sabbath was largely attended. Rev. W. C. Banton preached an eloquent sermon last Sabbath at 11 a. m. Any one wishing The Freeman will call at Mose Thomas' barber shop, or address W. H. Wallace, Washington street.

Baptists in Convention.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The Baptists of Tennessee will hold their Annual State Convention in this city, commencing July 14 and continuing several days. Some of the strongest men of the denomination will be present. Among them will be Dr. Morris, president of the National convention. The convention will hold its sessions in the First Baptist church, of which Rev. M. Vann is pastor. The Baptists are preparing to entertain them. The same week of the State convention the Baptist Young People's Union will hold their convention, which will bring Baptists here from all parts of America. The Baptist Young People's Union held its regular meeting Sunday evening the 4th. A very interesting and impressive program was rendered. Miss Phillips read a paper and J. W. Williams led the discussion on "Freedom of Truth." Next Sunday the young people will have the honor of hearing a discussion led by the Silver Tongued Orator, C. H. Cox, subject, "A Wise Choice;" and a paper by J. M. Easterling, subject, "Our State Convention;" duet by Jessie Conyers and Miss Eppy Lowe.

Clarinda Notes.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

John Morgan, wife and daughter, of Red Oak, visited our city recently. Wm. Bowman, of Bedford, was a recent visitor in our city. Mrs. Edna Jones. Miss Belle Cason and Mrs. Silva Baker are improving. Mrs. A. Cartmill has gone to Keokuk, to visit her sister and grandmother. She will join her husband July 17, at Hannibal, Mo.

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The accompanying portrait is an excellent likeness of Jas. White. an Indianapolis boy. He began his theatrical career, professionally, in '90 with the P. T. Wright's Nashville Students, traveling with them he seasons of 90-'91-'92, then joining the Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels to work opposite end to Billy Kersands, remaining with them for three seasons '93-'94-'95. In 1896 he joined Al. G. Fields' "Darkest America," being with them the season of '96-'97, closing a successful season of forty-five weeks June 3, at Columbus, O. He is now spending his vacation at his home in Indianapolis, Ind., 514 West North street. Mr. White has recieved several offers for the coming season, but as yet, has not signed with anyone.

"Darkest America" will open the sea- August 1.

Sam Elliott, trap drummer, has signed with Mahara's Minstrels.

Salter & Martin's Uncle Tom Cabin company want a piccanninny band.

Billy Caldwell, comedian, will be with "Darkest America" this season.

John W. Vogel has leased "Darkest America" for the coming season, from Al. G. Fields.

James White, comedian, is booked to appear at Wildwood Park, Indianapolis, week commencing July 12.

P. J. Cooper, last season with Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels, has been reengaged for the coming season.

Fred Simpson, premier slide trombone soloist, with "Darkest America," is spending the summer in Detroit.

The Farrells—Billy and Willie, were on the vaudeville bill at Central Opera House, New York City, last week.

The Colored Sports Big City Show played to excellent business last week at the Lyceum Theatre, Philadelphia.

Will Goodall, late member of the Plunger Quartette, of Indianapolis, will be with "Darkest America" this season.

Williams & Walker closed a most successful engagement of four weeks at Koster & Bial's, New York City, last week.

J. Harry Fiddler, character impersonator, is filling an engagement at Wildwood Park, Indianapolis, this week.

The Snyder Bros., late of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, acrobatic song-and-dance artists, are spending the summer in Indianapolis.

Laurence Chenault, tenor soloist, last season with "Darkest America" may be with the "Black Patti Troubadours" the coming season.

Miss Carrie Washington, colored, and Ed. R. Salter, white, proprietor of Salter & Martin's Uncle Tom Cabin company will wed soon.

Rachel Walker, the Creole nigatengale, was the feature of the entertainment last week at Boyton Theatre and Chutes, in St. Louis, Mo.

R. Byron Shelton, late with Isham's "Oriental America" company, is negotiating with Managers Voelckel & Nolan, of "Black Patti Troubadours."

Mr. & Mrs. Billy McClain, last season the stellar stars with "Darkest America" have been engaged for the "Black Patti Troubadours" the coming season.

Mme. Flower, Madah Hyer and Fred J. Piper, as soloists, continue to win the full approbation of the audiences at the Olympia Roof Garden, New York City.

Among the many vocalists engaged for Mahara's Mammoth Colored Minstrels this season are: Billy Young, Sam Burton, Wm. Garland, Geo. L. Moxley, Rube Kennedy, Jas. Johnson, and Sloan & Edwards.

Al. and Mamie Anderson, the "Black Mascots," proved a big drawing card at Moore's Wonderland Theatre, Detroit, Mich., week of June 20, but were compelled to cancel all other engagements on account of Mamie Anderson's ill health.

Zoe Ball, the Reese Bros., the Bartons, Billy Jackson, Hielman & Ferris, and Eaton & Weathers are prominent members of the Colored Sports Big City Show.

Harry Brown, lightning crayon artist, late of Shelton's 'Colored America" has joined Salter & Martin's Uncle Tom Cabin company, doing his work between acts.

John—Tolliver & Temple—George, singing and dancing comedians, the original "Alabama Coons" have signed with "Darkest America" for the coming season.

Prof. E. Williams, of Medford, Wis., is the only Negro circus owner in America. He employs seventy-five men and owns two hundred head of Arabian ponies and horses.

Prof. N. Clark Smith, of Kansas City is the composer of about twelve pieces of vocal and instrumental music, principally marches. His latest publication is the "Inter-State Two Step."

Doc Sayles, the "Goliath of Jubilee Shouters," who has been with Isham's "Oriental America" through Scotland, has returned to this country, reporting that the company is playing to fair business.

Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, authors and producers, last season with the Black Patti Troubadours, have joined hands. They scored a big hit at Proctor's 23rd Street Theatre, New York City, last week.

Billy Young, America's sweet-voiced tenor, is making a big hit at Milwaukee singing "She's Older Than She Really Thinks She Is," taking four to five encores nightly. Mr. Young will be with Mahara's Mammoth Colored Minstrels the coming season.

J. Harry Fiddler, star comedian, formerly of Isham's "Octoroons," has received an offer from John W. Isham to join the company at once in Scotland, but as having signed with Al. G. Field's Genuine Negro Minstrels for the coming season was unable to do so. Mr. Fiddler will be one of the leading features of that organization.

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Quarterly Conference.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

Quarterly conference at Terre Haute, held a three day's session at the First Free Baptist church with a good attendance. Church collections, including mission, was $21. Rev. M. A. Jones, of Terre Haute, and Rev. C. C. Edwards were present. The former preached at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., the latter at 3 p. m. Sunday. Both preached excellent and reviving sermons. The members of the conference left the city Sunday night. The Young Ministers Progressive Association met Tuesday night with a good attendance. There were the usual meetings this week as follows: Sunday, July 3d, 11 a. m., preaching; 2 p. m., Sunday school; 3 p. m., A. C. T.; 7:30 p. m., preaching. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Y. M. P. A. Wednesday, 7:30 prayer meeting. Thursday 8:30 p. m., church social.

AN INTERESTING SESSION

Of the Indianapolis P. E. District of the A. M. E. Sunday School—A Program Well Rendered.

Lafayette, Ind., Special

The Sunday Scoool convention of the Indianapolis P. E. district of the A. M. E. church met here June 29-30 and July 1. There were in attendance thirty-six delegates, plainly showing the wisdom of holding three state conventions. Logansport led with nine dele- and Indianapolis followed with eight.

The convention organized by electing Rev. H. H. Thompson, chairman, Miss Estelle Johnson, of Indianapolis secretary, Miss Maude Roberts of Lafayette, assistant secretary and Rev. Bass, treasurer. Quite an extensive program was carried out. Among the topics discussed being "The Need of Thorough Study of the Bible by Teachers;" "How can we Best Present the Lesson to the Class?" "How can we Obtain more Conversions in the Sunday School?" "Methodism in the S. S. Lessons of the Last Six Months;" "Adaptation, its Usefulness in S. S. Work;" "The use of Maps, Charts, Blackboards, etc., in S. S. Work," and "Comparison of the Character of Peter aud Paul and the Value of their Work."

Among the delegates from Indianapolis who took important parts in the work were Misses Eliza Edwards, Estelle Johnson, Mr. Brown, Miss Etta Lewis, who read a paper on "Methods for S. S. Kindergarten Work" and taught a class by means of illustration. Dr. H. W. Furniss read a paper that was quite favorably received, entitled "A Model Superintendent," Rev. Graham read a paper upon the "Moral Condition of our Young People; Helps and Hindrances," and Rev. Collins who spoke on "Practical Points on S. S. Normal Work." During the executive session congratulatory telegrams from the convention at Knightstown and Jeffersonville were read and replies sent and by unanimous vote a resolution instructing the district superintendent to visit each Sunday School in the district as often as possible and instruct them in the work and arrange for the establishment of normal classes was adopted.

It was also resolved that in the future teachers aud officers should appear before their classes with their bibles or testaments and not refer to aids during the session of the school. Reports were then read from the various schools showing them all to be in a prosperous condition, that the menbership of all had been increased considerable, and that all were in a fair financial condition.

The convention then elected the following officers for the ensuing year: District superintendent, Dr. H. W. Furniss, of Indianapolis; Ass't. Sup't., Miss Carrie Wilson, of Lafayette; Sec't and Treas., Geo. A. Allen of Logansport; Ass't., Sec't., Carrie Harper of Frankfort. The appointment of a committee on program was left to the presiding elder. The convention was ordered to assess each Sunday School one cent for each member of the school, said amount to go to defray the expense of the annual convention and to be fowarded to the treasurer one month before the said convention. The convention then accepted the invitation of Logansport to meet there next year and an invitation to take a "trolly ride" as the guest of Ferry street church, to the Soldiers Home, The Trail and other points of interest around the city, and after adopting resolutions complimentary of the hospitality of Lafayette, the convention adjourned sine die.

Colored Citizens Remonstrate.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Many speeches were made in the court house yard against the obnoxious laws of this state. Among the most noted speakers of the day were Hons. Malone and Brandon. Fleet Wisdom and Miss Happy Moore were married recently. Gus Hiett, who robbed the L. & N. express car of several hundred dollars, is still at large. Messrs. Hudson and West have opened up an up-to-date restaurant on First street. It is fitted up in the latest style. Miss Ida Gill is very sick at her home in South Clarksville John Ruffians and several other companions from Hopkinsville, were the guests of Miss Willie Keesee July 4th. Caldwell Henderson visited friends July 4th. Julian Ratcliff is preparing to open a barber shop on Strawberry alley. When visiting the city get The Freeman from W. D. Johnson.

News in General.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

W. H. Ross, of Madisonville, was in the city Saturday, the guest of E. H. Browne. Mr. Ross is Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F. of Kentucky. Misses Emma and Cleora Ford who have been the guests of Mrs. Emory, left Saturday for their home in Brunswick, Mo. Henry Brown has returned from Sebree Springs. Mrs. C. Johnson has returned from Nashville.

The election of teachers for the city schools took place June 28. Only five of the old corps of teachers were elected. viz: Misses Susie A. Browne, Nannye C. Cabell and Prof. John R. Mason for First street School. Prof. J. K. Mundy and Miss Ella Cabell. Eighth street School. There remains vacancies for seven teacher to be filled before September. Dr. S. A. O'Neal has returned from his lecture tour. Miss

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Joycie Davis has returned from Huntsville, Ala., and Nortonville, Ky. Miss Sallie Johnson has returned from a visit to Dekoven and Cadiz Mrs. Charles Hodge died July 3. She leaves a husband and three children. Miss Cornelia Mason has returned from Uniontown.

"The Teachers' Retreat."

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The public school opened last Monday morning. Miss Excie Murray represented the A. M. E. Sunday school at the recent district conference at Fayetteville. Miss Beulah Boyce, of Jackson, has left for her home. Misses Harris and Bradford, two representative young ladies of Chattanooga, Tenn., and teachers in the city schools, are visiting Miss Maggie Davis. They are interesting and entertaining. Mrs. Belle Williams, of Vicksburg, Miss., is spending a few days with Mrs. L. H. McAdams. Mrs. Williams is a teacher in the Vicksburg schools, and belongs to one of the best families. The students of "The Teachers' Retreat," carried off the honors in the recent county examination. Miles Brazier has bought a thresher aud is getting plenty of work to do. Miss Beatrice Trail has opened school near Normandy. Some representatives of the best people of Shelbyville and Murfreesboro will meet on the 17th in a picnic at George Morton's. Miss Maggie Stubbs will teach in the 19th district. R. G. Donnell, Miss Lucretia Hall and Miss Caroline Little attended the Institute at Lewisburg. Dr. V. D. Turner has opened a soda fountain and is serving refreshing drinks while the thermometer lingers aronnd 100 degrees. Ollie Elliot is having success in his ice cream saloon. W. A. Thompson has been elected superintendent of the Mt. Zion Sabbath school.

Hon. G. L. Knox at Greencastle.

Greencastle, Ind., Special.

The colored people of Greencastle were highly entertained Monday by an address delivered by Hon. G. L. Knox of Indianapolis. Mr. Knox was introduced by Mayor Birch of Greencastle. Dr. Gobin, Col. C. C. Matson and Rev. Morris were also present. The people were greatly pleased with Mr. Knox's speech. The afternoon was spent in races and a baseball game. In the evening there was a display of fireworks.

Time and tide waits for no man, but the musical director beats time.

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Blobbs—"Would you like an air ship?" Slobbs—"I'd rather have an heirship."

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It seems strange that the men with deepest voices always sing at the top of their lungs.

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Why is it that if a man is seen carrying a rod, everybody stops and asks him if he is going fishing?

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A man will spend several dollars for a jag, while the small boy who goes in swimming gets his tights for a dime.

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Hoax—"What are you doing now?" Joax—"Selling trolley fenders." Hoax—"How's business?" Joax—"Picking up."

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First model—"Is Jennie still posing?" Second model—"No; she has gone to the seashore." "Oh, ex-posing, eh?"

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Silliens—"On what grounds do you object to kissing?" Miss Caustique—"On all grounds." Silliens "Let's go out boating, then."

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De Tanque—"Let us drown our sorrow in the flowing bowl." Guzzler—"Well, drowning men clutch at straws. I'll have a mint julep."

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Wedding Bells.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Last Sabbath morn just as the sun began to send forth its beautious rays, from where little Japanese children took a last peep before their mamma's sang to them their evening lullaby, just as the thrush began to warble his morning praise, two hearts, like two converging streams, leaped from their solitude and united as one. The occasion was that of the nuptial ceremony of Miss Sadie Nichols and Mr. H. Fleming, two of Marion's elite. The ceremony was celebrated in the home of Mrs. Dodson, of South Marion, with only the relatives and immediate friends in attendance. The groom has prepared a neat home superbly furnished, where the happy couple will receive their friends, after their return from the bridal trip. They will stop in Indianapolis on their return next Sabbath. Marion wishes them a long and happy life.

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THE EX-KING OF THE FAKIRS TELLS HOW TO MAKE A LIVING.

Rich After Having Done Only Four Days' Work In Thirty Years—How He Got His Nickname—Corn Salve For Russians and Perfumed Beans For Frenchmen.

Tick Lowndes, the ex-king of the fakirs, having become rich, left off traveling on his fiftieth birthday, married a young wife and settled down in Philadelphia, "because I was born there," he says in explanation of this strange thing, "and I believe a man ought to give the town he was born in a show."

For nearly 30 years Lowndes, circumnavigating the globe 11 times, beamed upon the world's population through his Moses P. Handy whiskers, and, in his own words, "joshed 'em all, white, black, red, brown and yellow," into providing for his luxurious existence and for his eventual wealth. He got his nickname of Tick from the solid gold watches he used to sell to countrymen for the nominal sum of two bits.

"Maybe you think they won't go," he would bawl, holding up one of his watches when purchasers were backward. "That's where you're 'way off. Listen to this one tick." And he would imitate the ticking of a watch with his mouth so that the sound could be easily heard by those on the outer limits of the crowd around his torch illuminated carriage. Success and seniority gave him the title king of the fakirs, by which he was known until his retirement.

"I often hear no account chaps talking about how hard it is to get along in this world," said Lowndes when he was here. "They make me weary. The world is easy—easy"—snapping his fingers as if the subject was too silly to talk about. "When I was a small boy, playing marbles and shinny and peg top, I looked about me and saw all hands breaking their necks trying to earn a living—struggling, sweating, worrying, working like the devil, every one of 'em.

"It was positively painful for me to watch 'em, although I was only in knee breeches. I made up my mind right then that I had a heap too big a capacity for fun to wear myself out working, and I determined to make the world my oyster. Well, I've been nibbling on the oyster ever since, and the only work you could call work that I ever did was four days of coal heaving down in the stokehole of a Japanese steamer on which I was a stowaway. How's that for a record—only four days' work in 30 years! Don't I look it?"

Tick did look it. He was a perambulating jeweler's shop. Diamonds glittered all over him—not the sort of diamonds he used to put into his Pandora envelopes. It was acknowledged that he looked prosperous all right.

"Now you'll be astonished, but the worst jays I ever struck anywhere in the world are the Russians. I think I sold about five tons of axle grease corn salve for a ruble an ounce box on one trip through southern Russia. All the men in Russia have corns. They all wear heavy cowhide boots — the ordinary folks, I mean—which I suppose accounts for it. I felt almost ashamed the way those Russian folks fell over each other to buy my ordinary axle grease of commerce for their corns, and the worst of it was that in the larger towns, where I staid for three or four days, the yaps that had bought the stuff on the first day of my arrival came to me before I left and told me gratefully that the grease had entirely cured their corns. Why, I was regarded as a public benefactor throughout the whole Russian empire.

"I found the French pretty easy ones, too, especially in the smaller towns. The first time I hit France I was selling West Indian perfumed beans. They were the ordinary American beans that they don't know how to cook in Boston, despite all this talk of Boston as the town of beans. I dyed the beans blue and soaked 'em over night in cologne. I used a Mexican vaquero's make up on this trip and sold the beans a dozen for a franc, with a long spellbind about the perfume lasting for 1,000 years, and so on. It was like finding money, this bean fake in France.

"All of the South Americans, from Panama to Patagonia, are pretty easy to gold brick. All over South America I sold thousands of gallons of whitening tonic to make the half breeds white. I made it of nights as I went along out of any old thing that wasn't harmful—dandelion roots, wild cherry bark and such stuff. The governments got after me finally for it, though, and that's the reason the half breeds of South America are still reddish in color. Their governments wouldn't let 'em buy enough of my whitening stuff, you see.

"The Mexicans'll buy anything. You may not believe it, but I sold thousands of dollars' worth of common bar soap for removing grease spots on one trip down there, notwithstanding the fact that the duds worn by the people who bought the soap were as much on the G string order as the law of the land would permit. I sold 'em safety razors that cost me a quarter each wholesale for $3, which was about as low down as ever I played it, as any man who ever used a safety razor will admit.

"I would have made a million out of the natives of the Fiji islands if the jealous white residents down there had not choked me off. As it was, I cleaned up a good bit of money on the scheme. I traded off blue spectacles with the Fijis for cochineal. Cochineal at that time was about worth its weight in silver. The Fijis went crazy over my stock of goggles, and I had several of the islanders gathering cochineal for me until the consuls hunted me out.

"I was cooking up a scheme to sell the Kaffirs some stuff to straighten their kinky wool and make it look like the white man's hair, but the white people down there wouldn't stand it, although there was millions in it."—Washington Cor. New York Sun.

To Suppress Mob Low.

The National Anti-Mob and Lynch Law Association, with headquarters in Springfield, O., has elected the following officers: National President, Wm. H. Dixon; National Secretary, Samuel E. Huffman; National Organizer, E. T. Butler. The organization is incorporated under the State laws of Ohio. It is proposed to establish branches of the association throughout the country for the purpose of discouraging mobs and to secure such legislation as will insure the suppression entirely of such practices. The office of the association is located at 503 Lagonda avenue, and for all information concerning the association should be addressed to the secretary at the above number.

SAMUEL E. HUFFMAN,
Springfield, O.

Killed by Lightning.

Barachias Ala., Special.

Mrs. Esther Taylor, who was visiting a neighbor, was found dead in the garden. A bruise found on her person led to the conclusion that she was killed by lightening. While working on the road near here a man was struck and instantly killed by lightning. Another man standing near was not injured.

A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

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"Is the Root of the Evil"—The Federation League—Why it was Organized—How Killed—Save the Youth—Race Heroes.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Day by day brings the news of the lynching of some colored man, for the supposed or alleged offense of criminal assault upon a white woman. The frequency of such reports is so great, that if true, it must be believed to be a disease instead of a willful violation of law, because so dreadful is the punishment that it passeth all understanding how any sané man of color would commit the offense, knowing what awaits him. It is natural then to believe that such accusations are mostly unfounded, and rest more largely in the prejudice against a race than in the just indignation for the offense. I say prejudice because it does not seem as if the offense committed by any other race engenders such indignation. It seems that it is not so much the offense but the person committing it that arouses indignation and produces mobs, sledge-hammers, ropes and the like as the method, not of punishment so much as revenge. A white man charged with such an offense is given the high privilege of meeting his accuser face to face and admit or deny his guilt before twelve men, not so if a colored man is charged with the like offense, and why not if race, color or condition does not enter into the reason? But it is futile to further argue the reason why. The fact exists and the remedy is much more important than the cause, except to say, that I believe the cause, North, South, East and West to be the white American idea of the inferiority of the Negro race, which raises the presumption of his guilt, when charged with this most henious offense. He only is considered capable of committing such grossly immoral conduct.

Now we have tried what virtue there is in protestation, by speech, in letters and in convention. Some have advocated retaliation. It is true that when deprived of our rights, our lives and our liberty we should learn to do our own dying as other races have done, but I must confess I doubt the expediency of such a course in our present condition. I would therefore offer this suggestion: Since lynching is the result of the belief in the mind of the average white American that the Negro is by race guilty, let us whenever the opportunity arises, disprove this, and thus destroy the belief. How can this be done? I assure, by organizing in every State, especially the Southern States, where lynchings are more frequent, a committee to be known as "The Lynching Reform Investigating Committee," composed of white and colored citizens, the chairman to be a clergyman of standing and christian repute, who on any charge of rape committed by a colored man, should immediately gather to gather all the facts, as sworn to by those knowing them, the accuser included as well as the accused, and when their investigation is concluded, report the same without fear or favor to the Governor of the State, the Attorney General and Prosecuting Attorney and to the world by the most general publication of the same, and this without regard to wether the accused is lynched and is dead or is living awaiting trial. Thus the public would become enlightened by knowing the facts instead of presuming the guilt of the accused and as facts like figures won't lie, the truth will be established and little by little public opinion will be formed and the Beelzebubs of lynching would lose ground in their work of impressing the American mind that the Negro is by race guilty of such offenses.

Something like this suggestion I had hope to formulate in the Federation League, but the politicians who organized it for the purpouse of office-getting failing in their purpose, succeeded in killing the league, and reaching their purpose through political bureaux, whose fruit is daily looked for in Washington, but which seems so far to receive a "nipping frost."

But there are enough race-heroes left in the States to work for this general race benefit. I am impressed it will have beneficial effect. Do not let us fool ourselves that we can destroy lynching by legislation. The wrong is phycological the remedy must be likewise. If we are guilty of this most dreadful crime, let it be known, let us go to work and stop the wrong and provide a remedy, but in the name of God who is just and is no respector of persons, prove us guilty not by forced confession, through fear, but upon just examination and facts.

This business is not only the black man's but the whites also. Lynching is a two edged sword—as the late lynching in Urbana, O., proved. It begins in the wind and ends in the whirlwind, moreover it is a social Upas tree, covering our youth, throughout the Nation. Let us save the youth from this school of immorality. The work is that of the press and the pulpit. It is the colored clergyman's especial care but how little does it seem to concern him.

Yours truly,
D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER,
Detroit, Mich., June 28, '97.

Montreal Mites.

Montreal, Can., Special.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated with much splendor. Never in the history of Canada hassuch a display of decorations been seen. The concert given at Desrivers St. Mission, June 18. was an enjoyable affair, and consisted of Montreal's best talent, assisted by Mrs. Wm. B. Clark, who enjoys the reputation of being an excellent reader. The instrumental selections rendered by Miss Lillie Medley and Mrs. Chas. Patterson were beautiful. Mrs. Geo. Smith, David Mason, Daisy Brown, Messrs. Finley, Thomas and Springs took part. Rev. Robert Brown is attending conference in Windsor. Mrs. Richard Humphrey has returned from Quebec. Mrs. Chas. Patterson has as her guest her sister, Miss Medley of Quebec. Miss Tillie Jones will make a visit to Halifax soon. Mrs. James Harris is visiting friends and relatives in Detroit. Mrs. Frank Beard anticipates visiting New York City soon. Henry Renfro was in the city this week from Vancouver. Mrs. Walter Blackburn made a visit to New York City last week. Mrs. Anna Wilson is on the sick list. Mrs. Geo. Smith leaves soon for Grand Rapids and other points in Michigan. C. Higgens will lead to the hymeneal altar soon one of Montreal's belles. Mrs. Henry Barber is out again after having met with an accident by falling from her wheel.

The Grim Reaper.

McMinnville, Tenn., Special.

The death of Mrs. Eliza Looper, wife of Bill Looper, occurred June 16. She had been a sufferer of consumption for five months. She leaves a husband and five children, an aged mother and father three sisters and four brothers. She was a consistent christian and a member of the Methodist church. Rev. Alfred Martin officiated at the funeral. A picnic was given on the 26 and a grand rally on the 27th. It was a wonderful success. They realized $83 48 There was also a barbcue and picnic given at Clark's Chapel M E. church on the 3rd of July. A good time was had. Rev. W. R. Smith, pastor. Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church gave an entertainment for the benefit of the trustees. Rev. T. T. Murray, pastor. Mrs. E. J. Woodlee lost a very fine Jersey milch cow by railroad accident. The Freeman can be found every Saturday at I. T. Overby's harness store. Subscribe for The Freeman, a good illustrated eight page paper. Reuben Porter, agent. The work on the First Baptist church is being conducted with great care under the good management of Rev. C. A. Holt, pastor. H. S. Mason is on the sick list.

Teacher's Institute.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

The Teachers Institute has been in session for two weeks at the Public School building, with Prof. Thomas McMakin as instructor. A storm on the 24th ult. blowed the top of Arch Chambers' house off and blowed down his barn. Mr. Webb, of Lake county, passed through the city last Saturday enroute to his home. Notice our agents will take your name and money for The Freeman at the $1 rate for the next thirty days. Don't miss the opportunity. Several young ladies are visiting in the city from Trenton and other towns. Steve Burphit, of Popular Bluff is visiting his sister, Mrs. Draper and friends. Now is the time to subscribe for The Freeman.

Celebration Day.

Marshall, Tex., Special.

June 19, 1865 was the day that freedom came to us. The day was celebrated here Saturday, June 19, by every profession and all trades were on exhibition. The parade was 1½ miles long. Music was furnished by the Marshall brass band. An excursion was run from Alexandria, La., bringing fully one thousand people to witness the parade. At the grounds addresses were delivered by Prof. J. H. Reed of Wiley University, and Hon. Ed. Brown. The day was passed pleasantly. Sunday June 20 Rev. D. A. Scott preached an Emancipation sermon.

Representation Demanded.

Russelville, Ky., Special.

At the precinct election held June 12th, the colored citizens demanded recognition and a representative upon the county ticket. Prof. J. F. Gray, who is an applicant for the Russelville postoffice, made a rousing speech in behalf of his colored brethren. He was against placing J. R. Page, white, upon the county ticket, because said Page refused to support J. W. Ashbury, a Negro placed upon the state ticket by the state in 1893. Payne, however, succeeded. Prof. C. C. Vaughn also made an address.

Mrs. Anna E. Sutton Wins.

Columbus, Ga., Special.

The Columbus Chronicle has just closed a contest for the most popular lady of this city. The prize offered was a round trip ticket to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. This ticket was won by Mrs. Anna E. Sutton, 312 Eight street, who won by a large majority, having received 1400 votes.

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Grimy street and sullen wall,
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"Rest awhile, ye weary toilers!
Drop your oars and easy, all!"
—Pall Mall Gazette.

THE TONE OF THE BELL

Not Improved by the Use of Gold or Silver In the Bell Metal.

There is a general belief that the introduction of silver or gold in the casting of a bell assures for it a superior tone, but an expert in founding bells says that such a belief is erroneous. He says that the best tone effect in bell metal is confined within very narrow limits, for any so called bell metal having more than 80 parts copper to 20 parts tin is too soft to produce the best quality of tone, while that having more tin than 23 parts in the 100 is much too brittle. There are bells in Europe whose clear tones were for many years credited to gold and silver that were supposed to have been added to the bell metal. An analysis was made not long ago of the metal in one of these bells, and it failed to show any trace of gold or silver. The old German bell founders used to make their bells of 80 parts copper to 20 parts tin. In the opinion of this expert the strongest and best toned bell is obtained from 79 parts copper and 21 parts tin.

"After the bell is 'drawn,'" says the expert, "two sweeps are made and adjusted to an upright spindle in the center of an iron case or flask, the flask having perforations all over it. Over the surface of the flask is coated, wet, a layer of loam of equal and suitable thickness and baked. Then another layer is coated on and baked, and so on, layer after layer, until the proper shape, etc., are secured. There are two such iron molding cases, one fitting over the other. The under one has the loam coating on its outer side, which has the inner shape of the proposed bell. The upper iron molding case or flask has the loam on its inner surface, forming the outside shape of the bell. This is let down over the under mold and carefully adjusted equally all around, leaving a space inside between the two molds. The under flask is called the core. The upper or outer one is called the case. The space is filled up by the molten bell metal, which, when cooled, is the bell.

"When the bell is taken out of the molds it is polished, and then the hangings, tongue (or clapper), etc., fitted to the bell, and it receives a severe ringing test, partly to ascertain its tone and resonant quality and to observe its mechanical excellence and adjustment. Then, if it appears to be good in all points, it is shipped to the purchaser. The making and shipping of a bell usually require from 10 to 15 days in the smaller sizes. The larger sizes—i. e., from 1,500 pounds and heavier—require more time. A peal of three or more bells requires from 40 to 90 days' time, while a chime of nine or more bells requires from three to six months.

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The Rod In School.

We once knew an old man who had much experience with boys, who declared, "You never hit a boy a lick amiss unless you miss him when you hit at him." There is a good deal of nonsense in the sentimental rot about "I'll allow no man to whip my boy." If your boy needs it, you'd better thank his teacher for licking him.—Augusta Chronicle.

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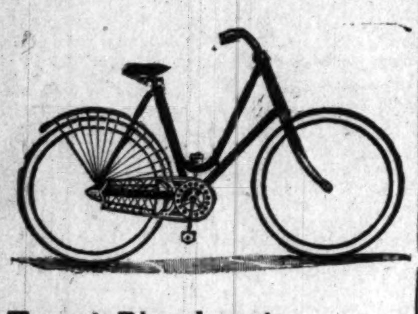

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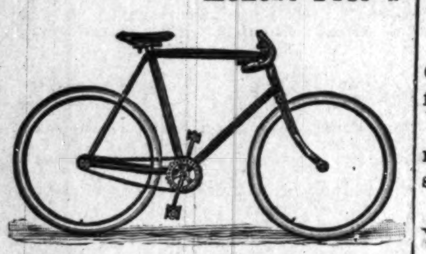

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LOCAL NOTES.

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Edward Shelton, who is "breaking" on the Big Four between this city and Benton Harbor, Mich., bears the distinction of being the only colored brakeman running into this city.

The See-Saw Cycling Club opened their park Monday evening, July 5th corner Thirtieth and Meridian streets, with a grand display of fire-works and a parade. Speeches were made by Hons. A. E. Manning, R. B. Bagby, G. L. Knox and others. The park is beautifully located. There will be races each evening.

A Musical Festival Fund Association has been organized for next year. Messrs. Wm. M. Lewis and W. D. Collins will still remain as president and secretary of the organization. A financial committee will be selected later on. The chorus will be heard in all of the important churches of the city this summer, preparatory to raising a fund for the next year's festival.

Two thousand people saw the start and finish of the second annual road race given by the See-Saw Cycle Club last Monday morning. It was run over the Broad Ripple course, starting at Meridian and Thirtieth streets. The course was thirteen miles long. The first prize, a Waverly bicycle, was won by Harry Robinson. Carter Temple won second prize. Cread Stockton, Alexander Brown, Gus Stewart, Will H. Reed and Chas. Parker were among the other contestants.

Clothes dyed, cleaned and repaired by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

Miss Hagar Hawkins won the second prize for the most graceful lady rider at the Colored Cyle Park, Monday Eve.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Isaac Hampton of Greenfield, spent the 4th in the city.

Miss Nannie Riffe is spending the summer months in Rushville.

John Roberts of Rushville, was the guest of Chas. Bass on the 5th.

The genial Jasper Taylor of Chicago, is seen frequently on the avenue.

Miss Georgia Stevenson accompanied G. L. Knox to Greencastle last Monday.

Geo. H. Meeley of Chicago, visited friends and relatives here during the week.

Harry Wyatt, a leading young man of Lexingron, Ky., is spending a few days in our city.

Mrs. Laura J. Anderson of Oliney, Ill., was in the city last week the guest of Mrs. Chas. Chavis.

Thos. Hummons, a typo on the Lexington, (Ky.,) Standard, is in the city to spend the summer.

Rev. Mrs. Slaughter of Danville, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Katherine Minter, West Eleventh street.

W. H. Fielding and Mr. Williams of Cincinnati, and Prof. Delaney of Wilberforce, O, spent Sunday in the city.

Simpson Chapel held a social at the residence of the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sissle in Fayette street last Monday night.

Frank Brown left Sunday for New York City where he will spend his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Roper.

Rev. Hubbard Brewer of Columbus, spent the 4th in the city the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brewer, Fifteenth street.

Dr. S. A. Elbert left for Washington, D. C., Thursday. He will be absent several days, arranging matters for his new field of labor.

There was a conundrum social given at the residence of Mr. G. L. Knox Thursday evening July 1 for the benefit of Simpson Chapel.

J. Harry Fiddler will leave Wednesday to join Al G. Field's Minstrels. The Harrington House will be under the management of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Stewart of Noblesville, were in the city a few hours Monday en route home from Nashville and Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and several places in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Puryear, accompanied by Mrs. Jacob Porter and Miss Jessie Clay of New Albany, will take a trip to Philadelphia, Pa., New York and Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Mamie Edwards left Thursday for Philadelphia where she will be the guest of Mrs. T. W. Henderson and daughter. She expects to visit several points in the East before returning to the city.

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CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Communion services at Corinthian were well attended last Sabbath.

A chorus of 100 voices of small children will be heard in this church Monday evening, July, 19.

The Ladies Aid Society will give a lawn fete at the church next Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Miss Julia Johnson's class gave a social at the home of Mrs. S. Dickson in East Walnut street last week.

Thursday evening prayer meetings are being well attended.

OLIVET CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. E. B. Martin delivered two interesting sermons last Sunday.

Geo. Allan's club will give a rally Sunday July 11 for the benefit of the church.

Rev. R. D. Leonard who has been elected pastor will be present. All are invited to attend services all day.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

In company with Chapple last Monday evening, we mounted our wheel, and soon found ourselves bringing up the rear end of a bicycle parade, headed for a "Colored Park" which had been previously advertised to open on the above mentioned evening.

Music, speech-making and bicycle riding were among the many pleasing features, and the managers were well pleased at the success of the opening. While it may be an act or move to be proud of, we cannot, with commendation, coincide with our most worthy citizens in this movement. The theory may be good, but the practice is bad—bad from the simple fact that it will have a tendency to stimulate the white race in drawing closer the accursed color line.

Then again, a "Colored Park" is not needed. We have free access to the several beautiful parks, and with but few acceptions, all privileges are accorded us. Had this park committee the means to open a park for the people—and not "colored" people—with all the attractions necessary to enhance or beautify a park, it would have met with the hearty approbation of all.

In the Sunny South, where park privileges and many other places of amusements are closed against the colored brother, it is befitting that he prepare these little pleasure resorts, but with us it is far different. We should not organize or be a part of an enterprise from the mere fact of its being "colored." Let money and competition be the motive. Open your stores, your saloons, your restaurants, your parks for the people, and not for the colored people, and help to break the back-bone of that great monster—prejudice.

It's all over now. They have reorganized, and the "tenderfoots" must all go. They departed in peace, but it was sad. We reproduce the following ode to your memory, dear boys:

"If you have erred—as thousands have
Who've trod the path before—
You know the loving Master's lips
Said, 'Go, and sin no more.'
If you have erred it does not prove
To evil you were born,
For on the bush where blooms the rose,
You also find the thorn;
If you've a will, you yet may rise
To credit and renown:
The wrong you've done will be forgot,
Because you'll live it down!"

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Rev. Murray preached a very excellent sermon on the "Human Tongue" last Sunday evening.

The social given at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Bush last Monday evening was a success.

Notwithstanding the intense heat last Sunday the church was full. A large number communed.

We are struggling to raise $1,000 on the day of the grand opening, Sunday July 25. Won't you assist us? Every member and friend of the church is expected to help. Up to this time you have never failed us. Don't leave us now in our struggling condition.

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A few memorial windows have not been taken yet. You ought to take one in memory of some departed friend.

Notice The Freeman hereafter for church announcements in full. You must read it if you wish to know what is going on at the Chapel.

Robert King, one of our large street contractors and a member of our church will, in a few days, put a granitoid side walk in front of our church gratis. May the Lord continue to bless such large-hearted men.

OBITUARY

Peter A. Williams.

Peter A. Williams, one of the oldest and best known colored men in the city died at his home, 22 Randolph treet, Sunday afternoon. He was born at York, Pa., February 14, 1815, and was for many years a resident of New York City. He was identified with the Fall River line of steamers from the organization of the line until 1871, when he took up his residence in this city. He has traveled extensively and enjoyed the distinction of being the first colored man to attend, by invitation, a reception in the White House given by President Lincoln in 1865. He has led a retired life for the past few years. He leaves a wife, two daughters — Mrs. Elizabeth Furniss and Mrs. Sarah Crusius, and two grandsons, the Drs. Furniss.

Mrs. Vaulce Saunders.

Mrs. Vaulce Saunders died Tuesday afternoon at her residence, 623 West North street, after an illness of seven months. She leaves a husband, two sons, two daughters, and a step-daughter. She was a member of the Sisters of Charity who had charge of the funeral, which occurred Thursday morning at her late residence. Revs. Graham and Blackshear officiated. The family desires to thank the society and their many friends who have been so kind during her long illness.

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